

## IMAGE OUTPUT CONTROL APPARATUS, IMAGE - OUTPUT CONTROL METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to an image output control apparatus which end connects to an input device for inputting image data and plural image output devices through a communication medium, and can control image output by the plural image output devices. The invention also relates to an image output control method for such an image output control apparatus, and a storage medium. In particular, the present invention relates to an image output control apparatus which can flexibly comply with an operator's various requests by enabling, even after specifying the plural image output devices performing image output, distribution control of the number of copies between the plural image output devices on the basis of distribution priority order. The present invention also relates to an image output control method for such an image output control apparatus, and a storage

## Related Background Art

medium.

Conventionally, an image processing system is known which connects plural image output devices (such as a digital copying machine, a printer, and the like) with an image input device (such as a scanner or the like) through a communication medium, and enables an operation mode called "cluster printing" to cause the plural image output devices to output image data input by the image input device.

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